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Dear Josh:

Enclosed please find a "final preliminary" list of US and Soviet participants to the Byurakan conference on Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CETI). In addition we are hopeful that three United Kingdom participants, Francis Crick, Fred Hoyle and Christopher Longuet-Higgins will attend. A highly preliminary agenda and a highly provisional list of chairmen and discussion initiators is enclosed. The discussions are intended to be largely informal and the role of the discussion initiators is merely to start the discussion rolling. I believe that visa information will be coming to you very shortly from the National Academy of Sciences, and that our Soviet colleagues will make great efforts to facilitate travel arrangements within the USSR. I will be at this address until the last week in August, if there are any problems which arise. I look forward to seeing you at the Byurakan Observatory for what promises to be an extraordinarily interesting and significant meeting.

With best wishes,

Cordially,



Carl Sagan

CS/mw P.S. As I envision the composition of the conference, I think it's very important that you attend. We very much hope to see you there.  
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